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In re Application of:

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For: Processes for the Preparation of  
5-Hydroxy-3-Oxopentanoic  
Acid Derivatives

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or 3".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7".

Claim 9, line 1, delete "7 or 8".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

Claim 13, line 1, delete "11 or 12".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 13" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 14" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 16, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 13" and insert ---Claim 1---.

Claim 17, line 1, delete "any of Claims 1 to 16" and insert ---Claim 1---.

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